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Autumn has arrived in Texas, but for most of us it feels an awfully lot like summer did! But that will change quickly as we get closer to winter. As your State Office Coordinator, it has been my privilege to represent Texas Free Will Baptists over the past few



months. On October 6, I made a visit to Canyon Country Church in Canyon for the morning service and to Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Lubbock for the evening service. Both of these churches and their pastors are doing great things in their communities. For more information about Canyon Country church, go to <https://www.canyoncountrychurch.com/> and you can follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/canyoncountrychurch/>. For more information about Faith Free Will Baptist Church, go to <https://faithfwbchurchlubbock.com/> and you can follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/faithfamilylubbock/>.



I also had the opportunity to be on the campus of Welch College for the Free Will Baptist Theological Symposium. While I thoroughly enjoyed the symposium, the highlight of the trip for me was the chance to speak to a class of ministry students about some of the practical aspects of ministry, along with presenting to them the opportunity to come to Texas to serve after they graduate. A couple of weeks after that class, I was able to speak to another group of ministry students via Zoom. I am constantly impressed with the students from our Free Will Baptist colleges that I get to interact with. For more information about Welch College, go to <https://welch.edu/>. You can learn more about the work of the Free Will Baptist Commission for Theological Integrity (sponsor of the symposium) by going to <https://www.fwbtheology.com/>.

FREE WILL BAPTIST
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**Collin Creek
Church**
Welcome Home!

Your Executive Board is currently planning for the 2025 Meeting of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists. We will meet at Collin Creek Church in Plano on June 11-12, 2025. The theme and keynote speaker will be announced soon. We can announce that we have a block of rooms available at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites Dallas - Plano North (<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/plano/dfwan/hoteldetail>), 3340 Central Expressway. This hotel is located about 1.5 miles from the host church. The room rate should be \$99 per night. Please do not make your reservations yet. The hotel will provide a link to access the special rate. We will make this available as soon as we receive it from the hotel.





State Office Coordinator

One of the roles John Collier serves as State Office Coordinator for the state association is to promote the work of the association both inside the state of Texas and around the denomination. This includes visiting district association meetings and local churches. As a pastor himself, his opportunities to visit our churches on Sundays are limited. If you would like to invite John to visit your church for a service or special event, please reach out to him directly.

Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference



The 2024 Leadership Conference will be held December 9-10 at the Sonesta Nashville Airport. Dr. Gary

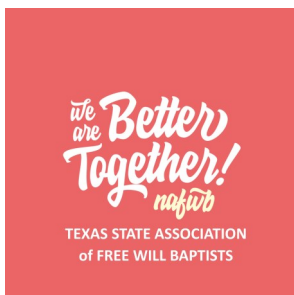
McIntosh, president of Church Growth Network, is the featured speaker. For more information, including links to the schedule and registration, go to <https://nafwb.org/leadershipconference/>.

Representation Fees (AKA: Dues)

The annual representation fees for local churches will increase to \$200 each for both the national and state associations beginning in 2025.

Feedback, Comments, Etc.

If you have feedback or comments about this newsletter, the annual state meeting, or anything else regarding the association, feel free to write or call John Collier, State Office Coordinator. As a state association, we exist for our local churches and district associations. We truly are better together!



January 11; April 12; July 12; October 11, 2025

East Texas District Meeting

Contact David Rudd, Clerk, for details (etxrdudds@reagan.com)

February 1; May 3; August 2; November 1, 2025

West Fork District Meeting

Contact Kevin Williford, Clerk, for details (kwilliford10@gmail.com)

February 8; May 10; August 9; November 8, 2025

Central Texas District Meeting

Contact Sandy Pierson, Clerk, for details (sgpierson1956@gmail.com)

December 9-10, 2024

Free Will Baptist Leadership Conference

For more information, go to nafwb.org/leadershipconference/

January 23-25, 2025

Texas Free Will Baptists All Boards Meeting

Lakehills FWB Church, Cedar Park, Texas

Contact Marcus Brewer for details (stateoffice@fellowshipfwb.org)

June 11-12, 2025

Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists Annual Meeting

Collin Creek Church, Plano, Texas

More information coming soon!

July 20-23, 2025

National Association of Free Will Baptists Convention

Kansas City, Missouri

For more information, go to nafwb.org/convention/

If you have events you would like to submit for this calendar, please send them to John Collier. Events will be published on this calendar at the discretion of the Executive Board of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists.

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